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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Taeyoon Kim	1651	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 22 and 23 are pending.

It is noted that the current application has been reassigned to the current examiner.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on Jan. 24, 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

Applicant's amendment and response filed on Oct. 26, 2006 has been received and entered into the case.

Applicant argued that the cited reference does not anticipate the present invention because of the amendment made to the claims. However, this argument is not found persuasive because the amendment does not obviate the rejection. Applicant amended claims to have limitation of "simultaneous T cell concentration and cell surface moiety ligation". This limitation has been met by the method of Creson et al. because the method of Creson et al. utilizes a paramagnetic bead such as Dynabead M-450 which is used for simultaneous stimulation because of magnetic field applied to the beads coated with anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibodies to ligate and concentrate the

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cells having CD3 and CD28 ligands. Therefore, the new limitation in the amended claims are anticipated by the reference. As discussed below, a step of applying magnetic force (field) is an inherent method step associated with the method of Creson et al. to stimulate T cells with magnetic beads coated with anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibodies.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Creson et al. (1999).

Claims 22 and 23 are drawn to a method for activating and expanding a population of regulatory T cells by simultaneous T cell concentration and cell surface moiety ligation, comprising contacting a population of cells comprising regulatory T cells with a paramagnetic particle where first and second agents are co-attached, applying a magnetic force to drive T cell concentration and T cell surface moiety ligation to induce activation and expansion of regulatory T cells (claim 22); a limitation to the method wherein the first agent being an anti-CD3 antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, and the second agent being an anti-CD28 antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof (claim 23).

Creson et al. teach the activation and expansion of T cells using anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibodies attached to magnetic beads such as Dynabead M-450 (see p. 9338, Materials and Methods). Dynabead M-450 is a paramagnetic particle as disclosed in the specification of the current application (see p.30, lines 20-23). Although Creson et al. do not particularly disclose a step of applying a magnetic force to drive T cell concentration onto the beads via T cell surface moiety ligation, this step is inherently achieved by the method of Creson et al. using paramagnetic beads to stimulate T cells. Because the method steps of activating and expanding T cell populations with a magnetic bead coated with two agents (anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibodies) are the same, Creson et al. inherently teach the same process of applying a magnetic force as in the current application. Creson et al. therefore anticipates the step of applying a magnetic force as instantly claimed. The discovery of a new use for an old structure based on unknown properties of the structure *might* be patentable to the discoverer as a process of using. *In re Hack*, 245 F.2d 246, 248, 114 USPQ 161, 163 (CCPA 1957). However, when the claim recites using an old composition or structure and the "use" is directed to a result or property of that composition or structure, then the claim is anticipated. *In re May*, 574 F.2d 1082, 1090, 197 USPQ 601, 607 (CCPA 1978) and *In re Tomlinson*, 363 F.2d 928, 150 USPQ 623 (CCPA 1966). See M.P.E.P. § 2112.02.

Although Creson et al. do not particularly disclose regulatory T cells, The "genus" T cells contain very few species comprising regulatory T cells. Given that, the generic T cell disclosure in Creson et al. is sufficiently specific to anticipate applicant's claimed

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invention though it is drawn to a species of T cells because one would at once envisage “regulatory T cells” when reading Creson et al.’s “T cell”.

M.P.E.P. §2131.02 states “When the compound is not specifically named, but instead it is necessary to select portions of teachings within a reference and combine them, e.g., select various substituents from a list of alternatives given for placement at specific sites on a generic chemical formula to arrive at a specific composition, anticipation can only be found if the classes of substituents are sufficiently limited or well delineated. Ex parte A, 17 USPQ2d 1716 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990). If one of ordinary skill in the art is able to “at once envisage” the specific compound within the generic chemical formula, the compound is anticipated. One of ordinary skill in the art must be able to draw the structural formula or write the name of each of the compounds included in the generic formula before any of the compounds can be “at once envisaged.” One may look to the preferred embodiments to determine which compounds can be anticipated. In re Petering, 301 F.2d 676, 133 USPQ 275 (CCPA 1962).

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

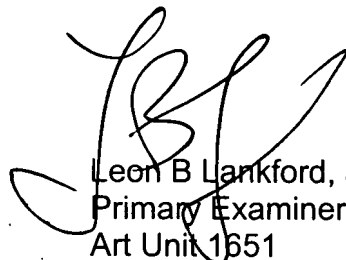
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taeyoon Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-9041. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 4:30 pm ET (Mon-Fri).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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